

## Draft Agenda for the EB meeting online April 25, 2020

- The Federalist Pledge of Federal Union (1940): *"I pledge myself to work in all circumstances for the overthrow of Nazism and for the world beyond Hitler - for a Federal Union of the Free"* - proof that from the beginning, Federalism has been conceived as the solution to the problems of nationalism.
- Barbara Wootton - an early federalist activist and also a socialist, using socialism as example, she justifies why all political parties should be brave in pushing for federation: *"For a socialist to demand a boycott of federalist movements is like refusing to ride in a bus because buses can be used to carry people to anti-socialist meetings. Federation itself, like planning and collectivisation, is a neutral instrument. It is the job of the socialist to direct its great possibilities towards his own particular ends."*

### Draft Agenda

(Times are indicated in Central European Summer Time)

Time	Agenda Item	To prepare
<b>Saturday, April 25</b>		
10:00-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Adoption of previous minutes</a></li> <li>- Adoption of Agenda</li> <li>- Federalist Quote (Chris)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EB work: How are you?</li> <li>- General mood is ok. Some board members experienced added workload from their professional jobs. Sometimes it is difficult to be pro-active in JEF when self-isolating + highs and lows when it comes to motivation levels.</li> <li>- Hanna (absent &amp; excused at the time)</li> <li>- Milosh: doing well, but work has 3 major grant reports to do so it's priority #1 in my life right now.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Secretariat updates (presentation)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- HR</li> <li>- Projects in COVID19</li> <li>- New project applications</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Political discussion</li> </ul> <p>Coffeebreak of 10min (10:50 - 11:00)</p>	w

14:00-16:00	Bilateral time (small groups). Suggestions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2pm EB Projects in Covid-19 times (Pimp my JEF, Federalist Academy) (Emma, Diletta, Milosh, Moritz, Seba)</li> <li>• 3:15pm May 9 Campaign (Diletta, Leonie, Moritz, Seba, Hanna),</li> <li>• YEM UK (Chris and Leonie)</li> <li>• 3:15 pm JEF Europe Work Regulations (Chris, Milosh)?</li> <li>• 3:15 pm Fundraising Strategy (Chris, Milosh)</li> <li>• 3pm Bella Ciao</li> </ul>	
7.30pm CEST	Common dinner	
	Social hangout (voluntary)	
<b>Sunday, April 26</b>		
10am CEST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Roundup groups on Saturday (incl. Longer discussion May 9)</li> <li>- Update Communications (Website, Slack, Comms Strategy)</li> <li>- Statutory meeting               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Evaluation FC Online 2020</li> <li>- FC Hamburg 2020, take 2</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Updates wider network               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UEF</li> <li>- YFJ</li> <li>- WFM</li> <li>- CSE</li> </ul> </li> <li>- AOB               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Instagram Stories &amp; Feed Posts</li> <li>- Twitter posts from EBees</li> <li>- Request TF/PC chairs for longer advance notice of calls</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
11.15 - 11.30am	coffee/tea break	
11.30am - 1pm CEST	(continue the agenda above as needed)	

## Minutes EB Meeting Online 25-26 April 2020

Present: Sebastiano, Emma, Chris, Diletta, Andreas, Milosh, Leonie, Moritz (11am)

Excused: Hanna

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Federalist Quote (Chris)</li><li>- EB work: How are you?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Hanna (absent at the time) doing well, but work has 3 major grant reports to do so it's priority #1 in my life right now.</li></ul></li></ul>
Discussion:
Decision: Leonie to speak federalist gospel the next time

<b>1. <a href="#">Adoption of</a> previous minutes</b>
Discussion:
Decision: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Minutes adopted, decisions to be sent out after the end of the meeting in order to be approved</li></ul>

<b>2. Secretariat updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- HR</li><li>- Projects in COVID19</li><li>- New project applications</li></ul>
Discussion: Presentation - Secretariat Updates
Decision: na

<b>3. Political discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Brexit</li><li>- Dutch Government is the next UK in EU</li><li>- Finalisation of a press-release for European Council (EU states not delivering in current crises)</li><li>- Challenging to focus on concrete policy work and advocacy because of current challenges (Covid-2019), however there is a desperate need about a perspective for Europe, if Europe is not discussed it will disappear.</li></ul>
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- Poland - what is happening in different EU Countries
- Disinformation in the times of Corona, how are governments using the situation
- Global dimension, how different Countries in the world are collaborating in the era of Covid-19

Discussion:

- Brexit is not discussed in the UK, EU is portrayed badly, no positive messages from the rest of Europe comes to UK
- Dutch Government and EuroBonds (populism growing, EuroBonds used as a campaigning momentum for the next years elections)
- How to make sure that the European Project is discussed in the current times?
- There has been a faster response from the EU (European Council) than previous crises, there is potential for changing how the EU budget is structured, both on process and scale
- Countries use the crises to pass laws that the public is not fully supporting (e.g. abortion law in Poland)
- Understanding the different sides and narratives in the whole world is very hard, however over the long term the decisions made at this moment will bring in effects on democratic life in the future

Decision: /

4. EB Projects in Covid-19 times (Pimp my JEF, Federalist Academy)  
(Emma, Diletta, Milosh, Moritz, Seba)

- **Pimp my JEF Vol. 2**
- **Federalist Academy 2020**

Discussion:

- Dates for the Federalist Academy, stigma of organising international events
- Involvement of JEFers in the preparatory phase
- Planning the preparation phase in details, collecting all the documents
- Clarification on collecting documents, background for the Federalist Academy

Decision:

- Pimp my JEF follows timeline as presented in the concept document, Emma will contact TF Capacity Building with a consultation on the topics for the preparation webinars
- List of documents to be mapped to be prepared before we contact sections, EB Members to start introducing the idea of the online library to the JEF sections they are in contact with
- Webinars and are going to be organised before the Academy, this will be decided on a later stage when we know exactly when we can organise physical meetings
- Timeline and deadlines for Federalists Academy:
  - ❖ **From today onwards:** EB contact points to start introducing the Federalist

Academy (specifically the online library) to their sections

- ❖ **Beginning of June:** send email to sections announcing the Federalist Academy. First step: compiling a federalist library. Follow-up by issuing call for literature in JEF FoCus (x2)
- ❖ **Mid-July:** put back on the EB agenda talks about planning the Federalist Academy seminar  
**EXTRA:** schedule a slot in an upcoming FoJ meeting to present the first phase of the Federalist Academy

#### 5. Update of JEF Europe Working Regulations

(Chris, Milosh)

- **JEF Europe Work Regulations 2020 - Draft**

##### Discussion:

- Milosh presented the updated document which is a legal obligation for employers to provide to employees.
- Discussion on the legal requirement on registering this document before the Belgian authorities, this will have to be checked by the SG

##### Decision:

- Finish work regulations by the end of the weekend
- Check from EB and Staff to be implemented from 27th of April to 10th of May
- Final document to be adopted by written correspondence by 13th of May 2020
- Milosh to check the legal requirements again

#### 6. JEF Europe Fundraising Strategy

(Chris, Milosh)

- Chris and Milosh have drafted a **JEF Europe Fundraising Strategy (draft)**

##### Discussion:

- n/a

##### Decision:

- Finish the strategy in the next week, present and adopt strategy on next online EB Meeting

#### 7. Roundup groups on Saturday (incl. Longer discussion May 9)

(Diletta, Leonie, Moritz, Seba, Hanna),

- Federalist Shadow Government - online activity

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Planning Document</li> </ul>
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- n/a</li> </ul>
<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sebastiano and Leonie to finalize orientation paper and appeal</li> <li>- Hanna will prepare the infographics and Diletta will support</li> <li>- Goal for appeal: 70 organisations for 70 years of Schuman declaration</li> <li>- Actions to be organised in partnership with UEF (prepare the concept document, images and VI), share with them for decision.</li> <li>-</li> </ul>

<p>8. Updates on JEF Europe Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Documents</li> </ul>
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communication has been more structured, there is a calendar that the Communication officer has developed.</li> <li>- Communication should be done through the Slack Channel #communication which is followed by Hanna and Karoliina</li> <li>- New website has been prepared for some time, Karoliina and secretariat has been responsible for this</li> <li>- How much from the previous content should be moved to the new website (PDF of old press releases)</li> <li>- Updates on approach on how to use slack more in the future, involvement of FC in the JEF Europe Slack.</li> <li>- EB Members to support with materials and input for the Newsletter, information from the EB about what have been they doing and present their work (EB Playbook)</li> </ul>
<p>Decision:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Archive from the current website to be downloaded and saved, 1 year back to be uploaded on the old website (goes back from 2011)</li> <li>- In a low work period: create one page with overview of PRs as pdfs</li> <li>- 5 last statutory meetings to be uploaded in the private area</li> <li>- In the future to focus in development of diverse</li> </ul>

<p>9. Statutory meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Evaluation FC Online 2020</li> <li>- FC Hamburg 2020, take 2</li> </ul>
<p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Very good coordination between staff and EB for the organisation of the FC</li> <li>- There was no political discussion (event), lacking a dedicated political event</li> </ul>

- Electronic voting was good, although the Presidium faced some challenges with the online procedures
- Gender balance was very worrying, unbalanced
- Evaluation did not work properly, a mistake made from organising team
- Good JEF Spirit, make sure that the FC for Newbies to be organised before the FC
- Online participation offers space for more JEFers to join the FC, it is more accessible and more green
- More time to be given for the discussions and decisions during the online meetings

Decision:

- Secretariat to send a Thank you e-mail to sections with an evaluation because of the mistake with the platform
- Work on a general document/presentation with the basics of how the ClickMeeting platform works (building on Secretariat's presentation at the online FC) which will be sent to participants before a ClickMeeting event
- Moritz to get back to JEF France regarding their procedural concern over co-options of TF Chairs at the Online FC
- PC chairs and EB contact points to have bi-lateral meetings re post mortem of online FC
- Sebastiano to make a written proposal for a formal EB-PC-Presidium meeting

FC Hamburg pt II

- Venues are booked. Waiting for hostel to confirm.
- Deadline agreed with JEF Germany to review if the Federal Committee can take place in real life (June)
- Resulting from previous discussion, an online FC can be and needs to be prepared in advance

World Federalist Movement (WFM)

- The Congress which was supposed to take place in Brussels in June 2020 has been suspended.
- Unclear when the Congress can take place.
- Seba to forward a declaration, suggestion for EB to sign

Civil Society Europe (CSE)

- Discussions starting on what civil society can do in Covid-19 times.

European Youth Forum (YFJ)

- CoMem postponed to a short online event at the beginning of June where also the next SG is going to be appointed.
- Emma and Milosh attended the preparation webinar.
- Unclear yet who the candidate to the SG is.

UEF

- Court case lost, UEF has to pay for the case

- Auditors have been asked to review the finances; Arbitration board has been asked to review minutes Ongoing discussion for the date and location for the next FC
- UEF Treasurer has resigned but a new candidate for acting Treasurer has been identified with past experience as JEFer
- Political level of UEF and our actions with UEF also directly affects the work of the JEF Secretariat with UEF

#### AOB

- Instagram Stories & Feed Posts: EBees suggested to post more
- Twitter posts from EBees
- EB video It has been decided that Hanna, Milosh and the JEF dogs are going to record a video of the EB meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday May 6, 7pm CEST